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**Organizational Sign-on Letter to the California Air Resources Board  
on AB 32 Early Action Measures  
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We, the undersigned organizations, represent a broad range of environmental justice, public health, and community-based organizations from across the country. We urge the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Governor Schwarzenegger to maintain California's status as the world's leader on global warming by adopting the strongest possible Early Action Measures as part of the implementation of AB 32.

We strongly support the recommendations of the Global Warming Environmental Justice Advisory Committee on Proposed Early Actions to Mitigate Climate Change, and urge CARB to adopt these strategies, as they are important, technologically feasible measures that will significantly and immediately reduce California's overall global warming impact.

Time is of the essence. And the urgency with which we must act to achieve critical greenhouse gas is monumental. As this state's chief air quality regulator, ARB has been entrusted with the responsibility of upholding Governor Schwarzenegger's promise to fight global climate change and achieve the state's air quality goals. It is vital that you use all the resources at your disposal to aggressively limit green house gas emissions by undertaking straightforward reduction opportunities across multiple sectors of the economy as quickly as possible.

The Air Resources Board is also responsible for protecting the health of the millions of California residents and charting the path to California's attainment of federal and state health-protective air quality goals. This is why we urge ARB to adopt measures that have the added benefit of reducing harmful co-pollutants in communities already heavily burdened by air pollution. This approach calls for looking for reductions from major emitters of green house gases that are most likely to be located in low-income communities and communities of color such as the ports and goods movement infrastructure (for example, port electrification, shoreside generation, replacing dirty diesel HDVs with clean, alternative-fueled vehicles and technologies); agriculture (for example, cleaning up composting facilities, manure management); oil refineries (for example, efficiency measures, recycling of waste gases); and power plants (for example, ending fuel oil burning, adding energy savings measures). Undertaking a comprehensive approach to air pollution reductions allows ARB to reduce green house gas emissions in a manner that is cost-effective, health-protective, and good policy.

Please implement the recommendations adopted by the Global Warming Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. Our health today, and our ability to stop global warming in the future, depends on you.

Sincerely,

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